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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

NEIL C. KRUTZ, an individual,	)	Case No. 3:25-cv-00159-MMD-CLB
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	<u>ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION</u>
THE CITY OF SPARKS, a political subdivision	)	<u>TO CONTINUE THE EARLY</u>
of the State of Nevada; ED LAWSON,	)	<u>NEUTRAL EVALUATION</u>
individually and as Mayor of the City of Sparks;	)	<u>("ENE") HEARING SET FOR MAY 30,</u>
DONALD ABBOTT, individually and as	)	<u>2025 AND EXTEND TIME TO</u>
Councilmember for the City of Sparks; DIAN	)	<u>CONDUCT ENE AFTER LR 16-6 (d) 90-</u>
VANDERWELL, individually and as	)	<u>DAY REQUIREMENT</u>
Councilmember for the City of Sparks; PAUL	)	(First Request)
ANDERSON, individually and as	)	
Councilmember for the City of Sparks;	)	
CHARLENE BYBEE, individually and as	)	
Councilmember for the City of Sparks;	)	
KRISTOPHIR DAHIR, individually and as	)	
Councilmember for the City of Sparks; and	)	
DOES I-X, inclusive,	)	
Defendants.	)	

Plaintiff NEIL C. KRUTZ ("Neil"), and Defendants THE CITY OF SPARKS, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, ED LAWSON, DONALD ABBOTT, DIAN VANDERWELL, PAUL ANDERSON, CHARLENE BYBEE, and KRISTOPHER DAHIR ("Defendants") (collectively "Parties"), hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Pursuant to LR 16-6(d) "[u]nless good cause is shown, the early neutral evaluation session must be held by the court not later than 90 days after the first responding party appears in

1 the case.”

2           2.       On March 21, 2025, Defendants filed their Notice of Removal of Action from the  
3 Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County, Nevada, to the United States District Court for the  
4 District of Nevada. (ECF No. 1.)

5           3.       Pursuant to LR 16-6 the last day to hold the ENE would be on Thursday, June 19,  
6 2025.

7           4.       Originally, the parties had agreed to conduct the ENE for May 30, 2025, but  
8 Plaintiff’s counsel unfortunately overlooked another matter already scheduled and requested the  
9 ENE be rescheduled. (ECF No. 15).

10          5.       The parties have been in contact with the Court and due to numerous scheduling  
11 conflicts between the parties and the Court’s docket, the ENE cannot be completed by the deadline  
12 contemplated in LR 16-6 (d). Due to these continued efforts to find a suitable time to conduct the  
13 ENE within the 90-day time period and the scheduling conflicts between the parties and the Court  
14 good cause exists to extend the 90-day time period to conduct the ENE.

15          6.       The parties request the Court continue the ENE scheduled for May 30, 2025 for a  
16 time that is convenient for the Court and parties involved in this matter and grant the extension of  
17 time past the 90-day time period set forth in LR 16-6 (d) to conduct the ENE.

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7. The continuance and request to extend the time period to conduct the ENE are sought in good faith and not for purposes of delay. By entering this stipulation, the parties agree they do not waive or forfeit any claims, defense, or arguments that they may otherwise have.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2025.

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**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATED: May 14, 2025